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Re: Application of Michinori WAKI and Kenji MIYAMOTO  
**PHOTOCURED CROSSLINKED-HYALURONIC ACID GEL AND METHOD OF PREPARATION THEREOF**  
Our Reference: Q50237  
PCT/JP96/03349, filed November 14, 1996

Dear Sir:

Applicants herewith submit the attached papers for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and in accordance with Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty. Attached hereto is the application identified above which is a translation of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP96/03349, filed November 14, 1996, comprising the specification, claims, two (2) sheets of drawings, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, International Preliminary Examination Report, Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449 with references, International Search Report, executed Assignment and PTO Form 1595.

The Government filing fee, after consideration of the International Preliminary Examination Report, is calculated as follows:

Total Claims	24 - 20 =	4 x \$22 =	\$ 88.00
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<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>			<b>\$ 1698.00</b>
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Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$ 1698.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$ 40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

Japanese Patent Application

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The Office is invited to contact the above firm on any question which might arise on the above-named application. Any contact that the Office might need to make should be directed to Louis Gubinsky, Registration No. 24,835, at (202)293-7060.

Respectfully submitted,  
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